

REMARKS

1. Claims 1 - 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

a) The Examiner points out that in claim 1 it is unclear as to the sequence of the elements. Claim 1 has been amended to provide that the chlorination device is fluidly connected "between the water storage tank and the inlet", that the pump is "fluidly connected between a media filter vessel and the water storage tank" and that the control valve is "fluidly connected between the water storage tank and the media filter vessel". Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment clarifies the sequence and relationship of the defined elements recited in Claim 1.

b) The Examiner also points out that in claim 10 it is unclear as to the sequence of the elements. Claim 10 has been amended to provide that the chlorination device is fluidly connected "between the water storage tank and the inlet", that the pump is "fluidly connected between a media filter vessel and the water storage tank" and that the control valve is "fluidly connected between the water storage tank and the media filter vessel". Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment clarifies the sequence and relationship of the defined elements recited in Claim 10.

c) The Examiner also points out that in claim 3 it is unclear as to how the elements are structurally related to each other. Claim 3 has been cancelled, the limitations of Claim 3 being included in amended Claim 1 based upon the indication of allowable subject matter found in Claim 3 subject to the conditions noted in the Office Action.

d) The Examiner also points out that in claim 11 it is unclear as to how the elements are structurally related to each other. Claim 11 has been amended to provide that the chlorination device is fluidly connected "between the water storage tank and the inlet", that the pump is "fluidly connected between a media filter vessel and the water storage tank" and that the control valve is "fluidly connected between the water storage tank and the media filter vessel". Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment clarifies the sequence and relationship of the defined elements recited in Claim 11.

e) The Examiner also points out that due to antecedent basis requirements, it appears that claim 9 should depend from claim 8, and claim 13 should depend from claim 12. Appropriate amendments have been made to claims 9 and 13.

2. Claims 1, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fletcher in view of Dunn et al. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of now cancelled Claim 3 based upon the indication of

allowable subject matter found in Claim 3 subject to the conditions noted in the Office Action.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is therefore moot and should therefore be withdrawn.

3. Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgement that Claims 2, 3 and 6 - 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of now cancelled Claim 3.

4. Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgement that Claims 10 - 16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action. Accordingly Applicant has amended Claims 10 and 11 in a manner which is believed to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

5. Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same. If the Examiner is of a differing opinion he/she is hereby requested to conduct a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted.

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